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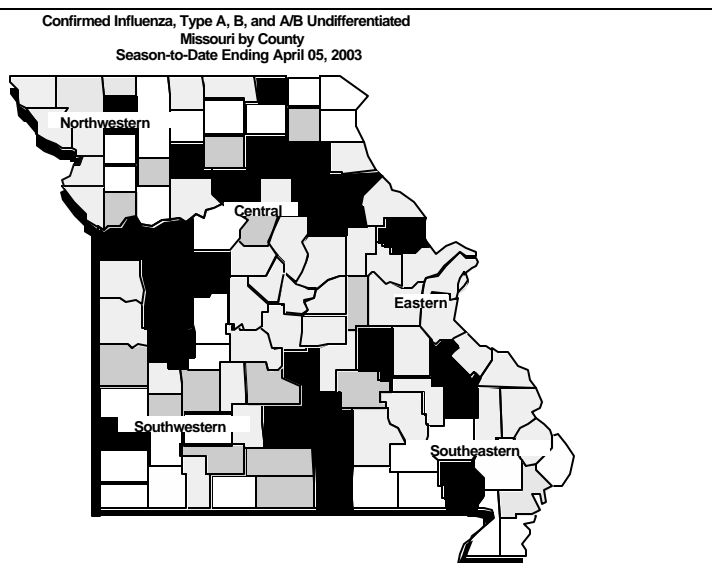
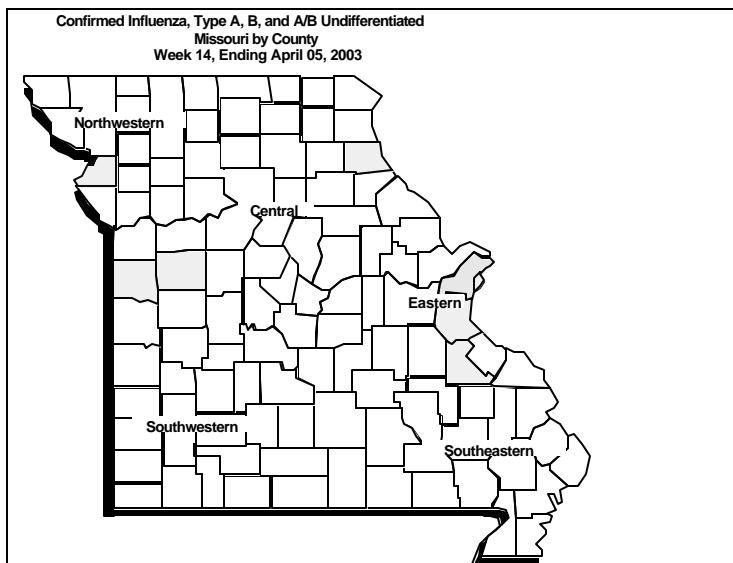
SUBJECT: Weekly Missouri Influenza Report, 2002-2003 Season
(All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.)

DATE: April 10, 2003

Missouri is reporting “sporadic influenza activity” to the CDC for Week 14.

Reported Laboratory Confirmed Cases by Sub-type						
For the Week Ending April 05, 2003 (Week 14)						
Serogroups	A (non-typed)	A (H3N2)	A (H1N1)	B	A or B Untyped (rapid test)	Total
Week 14	2	1	1	0	20	22
Season-to-Date*	448	3	20	1,024	2,265	3,784

*The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 5, 2002) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 17, 2003).



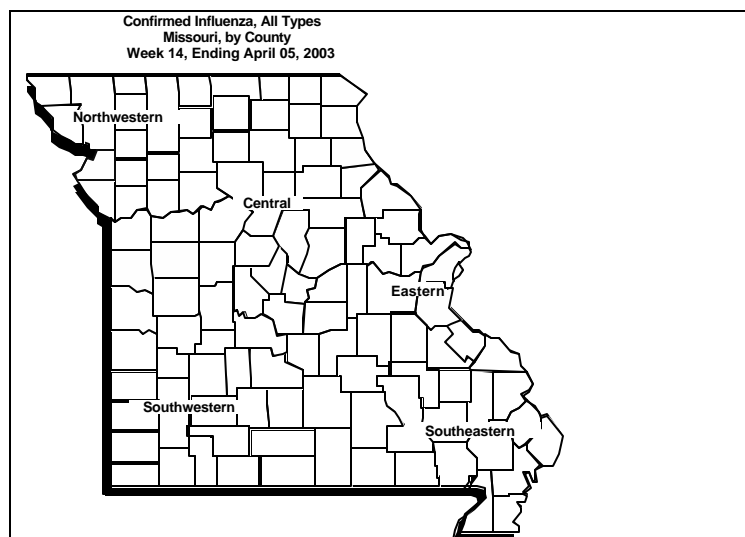
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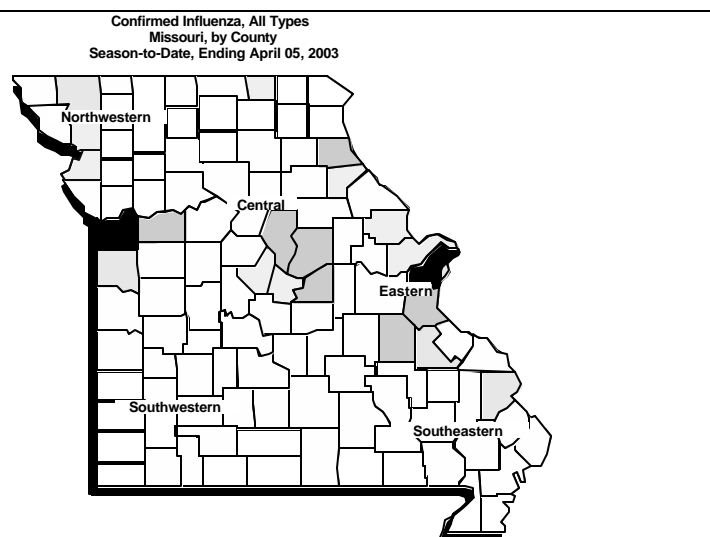
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Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness

For the Week Ending April 05, 2003 (Week 14)

Health District	Central	Eastern	NW	SE	SW	Season-to-date	Last Year Season-to-date
School Closings	0	0	0	0	0	205	6
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Season-to-Date	51	9	81	23	45	212	19

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths

For the Week Ending March 29, 2003 (Week 13)

Week 13	Season-to-Date	Week 13 Last Season	10 Year Weekly Median
37	873	59	42*

* Prior to 1999, P&I data were collected from week 46 through week 17; therefore, the ten-year median will be noted only during those weeks.

U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network (US ISPSN)						
Influenza-like Illness (ILI) for the Week Ending March 29, 2003 (Week 13)						
Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age 65+	Total ILI Patients Seen	Total Patients Seen	Percent ILI
10	16	20	2	48	2,445	1.96%*

* This percentage is above the national baseline of 1.9%. The week prior to this was the first week that the percent ILI has been below the national baseline since week 48 (week ending November 30, 2002).

Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing							
For the Week Ending April 05, 2003 (Week 14)							
	Positive Specimens						Total Number Specimens Submitted
	Influenza	Para- influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno- virus	Rhino- virus	Entero- virus	
Week 14	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Season-to-Date	94	4	0	2	0	3	227

CDC antigenically characterizes a sample of positive Missouri influenza isolates, submitted through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL). DHSS has received the results on 21 Missouri isolates. In 13 isolates, the antigenic profiles were antigenically similar to that of the reference strain influenza B/Hong Kong/330/2001. In 6 isolates, the antigenic profiles were similar to that of B/Hong Kong/330/2001 virus, but most closely related to B/Brisbane/32/2002, a minor antigenic variant of B/Hong Kong/330/2001. One isolate has somewhat reduced titers with B/Hong Kong/330/2001; when tested by PCR/RFLP the isolates were to belong to the B/Victoria/2/87 genetic group, and B/Hong Kong/330/2001 is an antigenic variant of B/Victoria/2/87. Influenza B/Hong Kong/330/2001 was the recommended B component of the 2002-03 influenza vaccine. One isolate was related antigenically related to A/Panama/2007/99, which was antigenically similar to the WHO recommended Influenza A H3N2 component of the 2002-03 influenza vaccine.

Sources of Data: Laboratory confirmed cases are reported to DHSS passive communicable disease surveillance system through the disease registry. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html
National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after hours number for reporting disease cases and emergencies is 1-800-392-0272.